

Application No. 10/633,939
Amendment dated August 25, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 21, 2005
Express Mail No. EV 722668229 US

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 6 as denoted on the Annotated Sheet accompanying this paper. In particular, please replace reference numeral "38" with reference numeral "40," and please replace reference numeral "40" with reference numeral "38." These amendments do not add new matter.

Remarks:

Claims 1-4 and 8-16 were previously pending. The Examiner allowed claims 12 and 13, rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 14 and 16, and objected to claims 3, 10, and 15. Applicant has canceled claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-10, and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended independent claims 1, 8, and 14.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because line 6-6 in Fig. 1 was not referenced in the specification. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance in noting this exclusion. Applicant has amended the *Brief Description of the Drawing Figures* section and in particular the description of Fig. 6 to describe that Fig. 6 is a vertical cross-section through line 6-6 of Fig. 1. Applicant submits that this amendment to the specification should overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Applicant also notes that there was an error in Fig. 6 and in particular the reference numerals "38" and "40." Applicant has amended Fig. 6 and an Annotated Sheet with the changes in red and a Replacement Sheet accompany this Amendment.

The Examiner further objected to the specification as having certain grammatical and idiomatic errors. Applicant again appreciates the Examiner's assistance in noting these errors, and Applicant has amended the specification per the Examiner's suggestions.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 12 and 13 and objected to claims 3, 10, and 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant accepts the allowance of claims 12 and 13. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of claims 3, 10, and 15 and has amended certain claims per the Examiner's suggestion. In particular, Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the features recited in dependent claims 2-3; amended independent claim 8 to include the features recited in dependent claims 9-10; and amended independent claim 14 to include the features recited in dependent claim 15.

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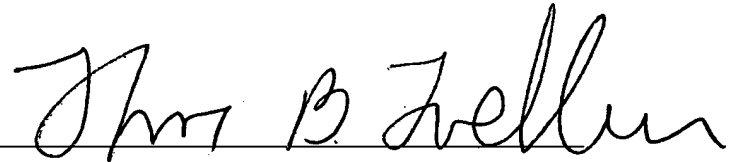
The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the discussed independent claims and therefore, should be in a condition for allowance.

In view of this response and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4, 8, 11-14, and 16 are in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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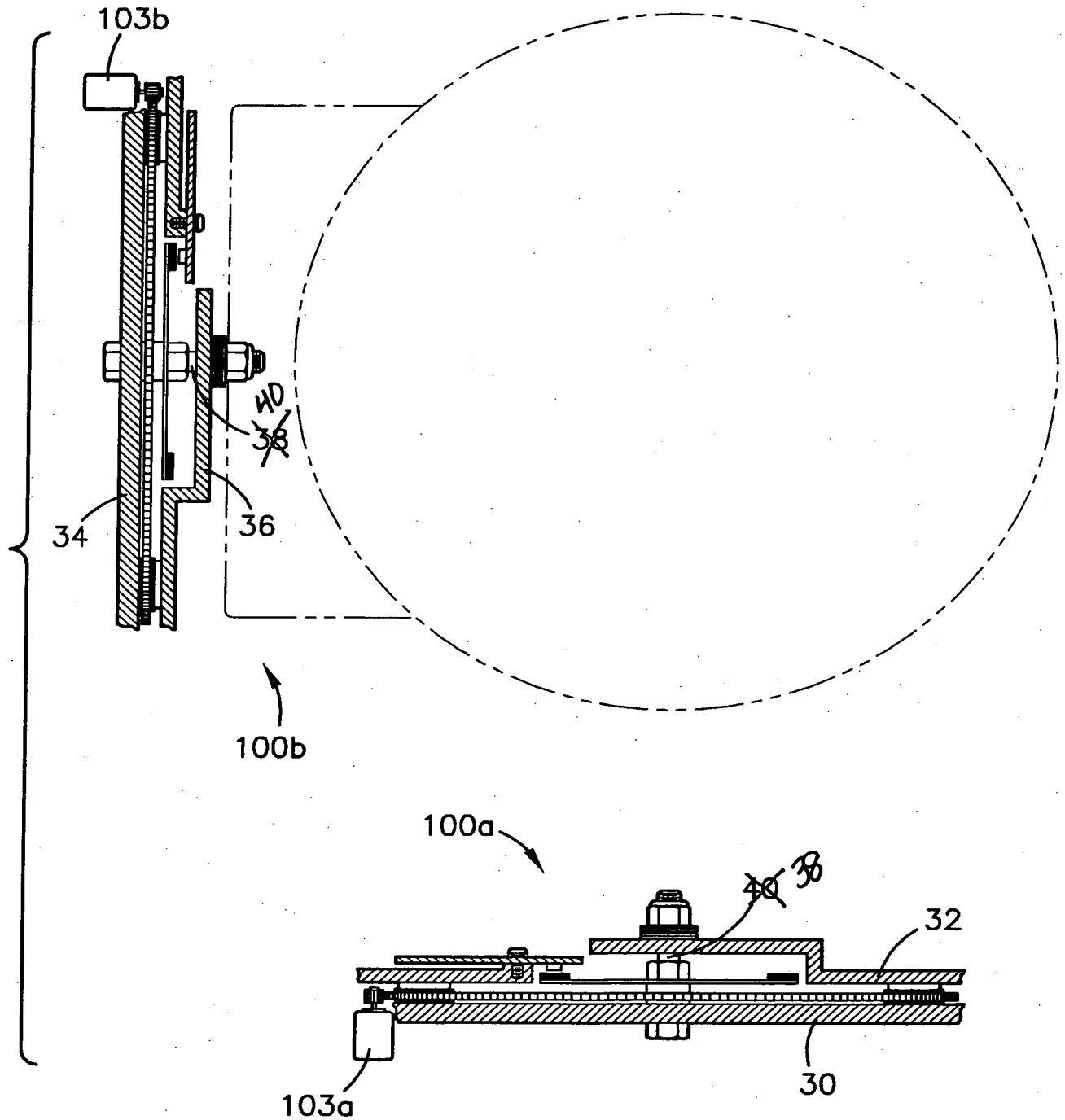


FIG. 6